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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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SUB: SMITH-VORSTER MEETING

REF: CAPE TOWN 0198

1. NEITHER SMITH NOR VORSTER WOULD BE DRAWN OUT BY PRESS
ON SUBSTANCE OF THREE-HOUR MEETING, WHICH CONCLUDED AROUND
6:30 P.M. LAST EVENING. AT THAT TIME, VORSTER GAVE A SHORT
STATEMENT: "AT THE REQUEST OF MR.SMITH, HE AND I, TOGETHER
WITH OUR COLLEAGUES HERE, HAD A FULL DISCUSSION IN DEPTH
ON THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM. MR.SMITH INFORMED US OF HIS
GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO EXPLORE FURTHER AVENUES FOR
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A SETTLEMENT. FURTHER TALKS ARE ENVISAGED."

2. SMITH DINED WITH HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, FINANCE MINISTER
HORWOOD, LAST NIGHT AND DEPARTED CAPE TOWN IN PRIVATE JET
AT 11:00 A.M.TODAY. JUST PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, HE SPOKE
BRIEFLY WITH NEWSMEN. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, HE SAID
HE HAD COME TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF RHODESIA AND EFFORTS

BEING MADE TO REACH A SETTLEMENT. IT WAS "NORMAL AND LOGICAL" FOR HIM TO BRING PM VORSTER INTO THE PICTURE. HE COULD NOT GO INTO DETAIL FOR IT WAS OBVIOUSLY A "DELICATE SUBJECT". SMITH SAID THE "TALKS WERE CONGENIAL AND WE TENDED TO SEE THINGS ALONG THE SAME LINES". HE HOPED FOR NEW INITIATIVES AND WAS READY TO LISTEN TO ANYONE WHO THOUGHT HE HAD A CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTION. OUTSIDE INITIATIVES WOULD BE WELCOMED: HE HOPED FOR THEM. IN THE MEANTIME, RHODESIANS WOULD DO WHAT THEY COULD THEMSELVES. MARRYING RHODESIAN EFFORT WITH OUTSIDE INITIATIVES WOULD "LEAD TO THE BEST SOLUTION".

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